

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert the required reference to the related French application, for which benefit is claimed. As Applicants properly claimed priority to this application, this amendment merely conforms the specification to the rules regarding presentation of related applications, and as such, no new matter has been added.

In addition, Applicants submit the following comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Specifically, without commenting on the technical accuracy or legal propriety of the Examiner's statement at page 2 of the Notice of Allowability that a truncated portion of the claimed formula (I) can be "similar" to a compound disclosed by U.S. Patent No. 5,708,151 (the '151 patent), Applicants do not see the relevance of this statement. Applicants do, however, agree with the Examiner's statement that none of the prior art of record, and particularly the '151 patent which the Examiner deems the "closest prior art of record," teaches or suggests the composition of claims 1-38, the process of claims 39-44, the compound of claims 45-46, or the multi-compartment kit or device of claim 47. See Notice of Allowability at 2-3.

Accordingly, in light of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of this application and timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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